

Win, Lose or Draw

By FRANCIS E. STANN

Nobody's Bothered Much With Defense

If you don't know who the Lions and Caps are, you aren't a dutiful winter sports fan. But if Mr. Mike Uline has his way, the Lions and Caps will become household names, like the Nats and Redskins, starting tonight and tomorrow.

Mr. Uline is the proprietor of the town's sole competitive sports arena catering to other than boxing and is the boss man of the Lions (who play hockey) and the Caps (who play basketball). Tonight the Lions open a 29-game home schedule in the Eastern Hockey League against the New York Rovers and tomorrow the Caps inaugurate a 30-game home schedule against the St. Louis Bombers in the new Basketball Association of America.

The Lions have been around for a few seasons. They used to be called the U-Lions back in the days when they were competing against a so-called amateur team called the Washington Eagles, but by investing a little more do-re-mi than his competitor, Mr. Uline managed to wind up with the only hockey team. Even lack of competition didn't mean his ice hockey was a success, and therefore popular, because Mr. Uline has been saddled for some time by very bad teams. But this year, it's supposed to be different.

As for the pro basketball, this is a brand new venture. At least it hasn't been attempted here since the mid-1920s but so certain are Mr. Uline and 10 other club owners that pro basketball will climb aboard the postwar gold rush that our man Uline reportedly has sunk a small fortune into reintroducing the sport.

Riley Is the Bucky Harris of 1924

The 1946-7 edition of the Lions, revitalized and all that sort of thing, is coached now by a 27-year-old player-mentor named Jack Riley, who is touted as being something extra-special, both as a leader and as a skater and stick-handler. A sort of a Bucky Harris, no less, when Bucky became manager of the 1924 Nats at the shockingly early age of 27.

Of what the Lions have accomplished so far—they've been on the road for a couple of weeks due to the local run of the Ice Capades—they may not be burning up the league but they are contenders for the top spot and a far cry from the hapless Lions of 1945-6. Joe Holman, a gentleman of wide public relations, informs us that when the Lions raise the curtain here tonight they will do so after having traveled some 4,000 miles, including an invasion of Quebec, where they played four games in five days against the cream of the Canadians and won twice, lost once and tied once.

Riley, according to Holman, not only is quite a coach and a player in his own right, but he has five defenses who average 199 pounds and he depends on a note, "This is a team on which all players can skate forward and backward equally well." This we have to see.

Feed Bill for Lions and Caps Is High

The Washington Caps are being touted as at least as rich in promise as the Lions but, regardless of whether these professional basketball people are potential pennant winners, it will be interesting to analyze the reception their game receives upon its revival tomorrow. Twenty years ago every kid athlete in the city, aped George Marshall's Palace team and certainly some good, some expertness, came of it, more than nullifying the fouls called because the kids also copied the clutch-and-hold tactics of Lou Sugarman, Rusty Saunders, Honey Russell and the other local heroes of that era.

Pro basketball now is laid out differently. The new league plays collegiate rules, which means the scores likely will be 68-65 because nobody will bother much with defense. It's a trend, perhaps, but fans apparently like high-scoring these days.

Besides, Washington's new Caps will be something to see if only because they must be the tallest young men in captivity. There'll be John Mahnkens, formerly of Georgetown, who stands 6 feet 8 inches; Bones McKinney, who is 6 feet 6 inches, and a few others who tell you how the weather is up there.

With a hockey team and a basketball team, Mr. Uline can't feed 'em ice cubes, can he? You can't feed 'em ice cubes, can he? You can't feed 'em ice cubes, can he?

Hoyas, Hearing of N.Y.U.'s Luck In Victory, Hope It Has Run Out

Georgetown is hopeful that New York U. has had its luck for the season, after hearing a report from the New York Football means "Association" that the New York U. beat Fordham, 33-28, last week on a play the quarterback didn't call, plus a block by a near-sighted player who thought he saw two opponents but hit only one.

The Hoyas met the Violets Saturday afternoon in a game in which Coach Jack Weinheimer of the Violets told the story. His team was trailing, 28-26, had possession of the ball on Fordham's 45-yard line and time was running out. Something had to be done fast, so a desperation play was called on his last quarterback, Cy Kupper-smith, who previously had come out of the game with a damaged leg. "Get in there and do something. Run it or throw it, but see if you can get it across," Weinheimer said. Kupper-smith called a running play, but nothing came of it.

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Eli Is Heavy Choice For 63d Renewal Of Gridiron Duel

By Murray Rose

Associated Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—A bit of the gridiron glory and glamor that once was theirs alone has been restored to the Big Three, and Saturday's traditional Thanksgiving Yale and Harvard again will carry more significance than just an excuse for a week-end outing for the old blues.

For the Eli Yales and the Johnny Harvards come up to their climax contest with the Ivy League championship hanging on the outcome and with both schools boasting their best teams in years.

Harvard's Stadium already has been sold out to its 57,000 capacity for this 63d renewal of a rivalry that began in 1875 and will mark the second straight time in as many weeks that the S. R. O. sign will hang for a Big Three tilt. Yale's Bowl was packed with 70,000 customers last Saturday to see the resplendent bulldog maul Princeton, 30-2.

Harvard is Underdog. Beaten only by Rutgers and boasting a 3-0 Ivy record, the Crimson nevertheless will enter the game as heavy underdog. The Bulldogs, defeated by Columbia and tied by Cornell, are in third place in the Ivy league, and Cornell is second with three wins, no losses and a tie.

Harvard can clinch the Ivy and Big Three titles outright by whipping Yale, while the Eli will be interested in the result of the Cornell-Pennsylvania traditional Thanksgiving Day game to know how they stand in the Ivy League, even if they should win Saturday.

A triumph for Yale would give the Blue a 4-1-1 record and a .750 percentage on the circuit's method of determining the half of a victory and half a defeat. If Penn, with a current 2-1 performance, should beat Cornell, Yale should whip Harvard, Yale, Harvard and Penn all would wind up with .750. But it has been learned that in case of a percentage tie the team having the most games would be awarded the championship.

Even if Yale should win Cornell could upset the apparent by dumping Penn and thereby win the crown on a 4-0-1 slate.

Engle Sees Yale Victory.

Although Harvard whipped Brown, 28-0, the Bruins coach, Rip Engle, joined Princeton Mentor Charles Caldwell in predicting a Yale victory. The Eli earlier whalloped Brown 49-0.

"Yale will outgrow, outspeed and outexperience Harvard," Engle said. "Put them all together and what have you got? If Harvard beats Yale it will be one of the most erratic intercollegiate football season's major upsets."

After watching his Tigers, conquerors of Pennsylvania, shellacked by the husky Yales, Caldwell said flatly: "Yale will murder Harvard. If the Eli chooses to go all out, they can go as high as 60 points. This team of Howie Odell's could be really great. It has depth, speed, power and confidence."

Caldwell's Tigers have a chance of finishing in a tie for fifth with Columbia in the eight-team league. If they can take the doleful Dartmouth Indians at Princeton. The Green is a sorry last with no victories and six Ivy licks.

Columbia Faces Syracuse.

Columbia winds up its campaign in a nonconference contest with Syracuse at Baker Field.

Outside of the Ivy League a couple of snow-bound Eastern universities will draw some of the spotlight for their collision at Wilmington, Del. The contestants are Delaware and Muhlenberg, both unbeaten and untied. Delaware has piled up 317 points in winning nine games, while Muhlenberg has rolled up 259 in winning eight.

Other games on the Eastern program include Alabama at Boston College, Penn State at Pittsburgh, Bucknell at Rutgers, Holy Cross at Temple, Georgetown at New York U. and Lehigh at Lafayette.

Fireproof Barns Due For Bowie Next Year

By the Associated Press

BOWIE, Md., Nov. 19.—Edward L. O'Hara, acting general manager of Bowie Race track, announced today two new fireproof barns will be constructed to replace barns destroyed by fire this year.

O'Hara estimated damage to the barn destroyed Sunday at \$33,000. A 3-year-old filly, Pigeon Hill, and a pony were lost in Sunday's blaze, while 21 thoroughbreds were destroyed in a fire which razed a 56-stall barn here last Spring.

Apostoli Badly Battered, But Decisions Angustain

By the Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 19.—Former Middleweight Champion Fred Apostoli, outpointed rugged Frankie Angustain in 10 rounds last night, but emerged so badly battered he may have to cancel his bout with Paulie Lewis in Oakland two weeks hence.

The San Francisco fighter won by a narrow margin over Angustain, a Los Angeles boy, in the toughest of his six fights on a comeback tour. A savage 10th round saw the pair slug in close for almost the entire three minutes. East weighed 160.

American Association Prexy to Be Named

By the Associated Press

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—At least eight candidates were being considered today by the American Association's Board of Directors as a successor to H. Roy Hamey as president of the triple-A minor baseball league.

Hamey recently resigned to become general manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates after succeeding George (Red) Trautman, who left the executive post early last year to become general manager of the Detroit Tigers.



LIONS' ICE "TWINS"—Goalie Dave Kemp (left) and Player-Coach Jack Riley are key men of Washington's entry in the Eastern Hockey League, which opposes New York's loop-leading Rovers in the inaugural at Uline Arena tonight.

They resemble one another closely enough to be brothers (although Riley is the heavier) and will bear watching throughout the 1946-7 championship race.

Mich. State's Success Against T Presages Tough Tilt for Terps

Michigan State's success against Frank Murray's version of the T formation last Saturday when the Spartans blanked Murray's favored Marquette eleven, 20-0, does not speak well for Maryland's chances on Saturday.

It was the first time since the opening game against Wayne that Michigan State blanked its opponent and Marquette previously had been a free-scoring outfit from the same type T formation used by the Terps. Maryland has met the Spartans twice previously, both times in 1944 when Dr. Clarence Spears scheduled a home-and-home series and lost, 8-0, here and 33-0 there. The Terps have faced Charley Bachman teams before when the present Spartan coach was at the University of Florida. Bachman uses a single wing.

Dick Johnston, the 163-pound first string guard who has missed Maryland's last two games because of injuries, rejoined the squad yesterday and was reported fit to take his place in the starting lineup. Team-mates call Johnston "the best little guard for his size in the country."

The Terps will leave at 6 p.m. Thursday for Lansing and their next to last game of the season.

Army Still Tops Irish in Poll; Penn, Texas Out of First Ten

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—It still was Army in a photo finish over Notre Dame today for the No. 1 spot among the Nation's football outfits and in predicting a Yale victory over the Eli earlier whalloped Brown 49-0.

Balloting in the Associated Press' weekly poll, the sports writers of the country left the careering Cadets from West Point at the head of the parade by the slim margin of 10 points over the Irish, with the unbeaten-united pair of Georgia and University of California at Los Angeles holding third and fourth, respectively.

But the 34-7 pounding Penn absorbed from Army last Saturday, and Texas' second upset defeat of the season—this one by Texas Christian—dropped the Quakers and the Longhorns out of the select top-10 set, with Louisiana State and Southern California moving up to replace them.

58 Vote for Army.

Altogether, 110 sports writers from coast to coast and 1 from Honolulu voted for their leading 10 selections after last Saturday's scrambling. Of these, 58 put Army on top, compared to 34 a week ago, and 16 voted the Irish in front. Twenty-three others called it a tie, voting for a two-seater throne as a result of the scoreless deadlock the two outfits unfolded the previous week and the 27-0 decision the Irish were taking over Northwestern while the Cadets were clouting the Quakers last Saturday.

The other 13 first-place ballots were split between Georgia and U. C. L. A., the Bulldogs collecting 8, compared to their 12 of last week, and the Uclans getting 5-2 less than in the previous poll.

On a basis of 10 points for a first place vote, 9 for second, 8 for third, and so forth, Army rolled up 1,053 points, just 50 more than

League-Pacing Rovers Battle Hockey Lions, Making Local Bow

Eastern League ice hockey makes its 1946-7 start at Uline Arena tonight as the Lions return for their first home stand after a 10-game trip around the circuit here in Canada. Opposition comes from the New York Rovers, current loop leaders. Starting time is 8:30 o'clock.

The Rovers nosed out the Lions, 5-4, in their only previous meeting this season. The local club is in third place in the four-team league and can move into second by winning tonight. Making the Lions' record better than it appears at first glance is the fact that they already have made their swing through Canada and won two, tied one and dropped the other game there. In other clubs have yet to go north and when they do they likely will find it hard to match Washington's record.

Standouts so far with the local entry are Goalie Dave Kemp and Playing Coach Jack Riley. Kemp was all-league tender last season with Philadelphia Falcons, while Riley was the "wonder boy" coach of Baltimore's Orioles. He joined them in midseason and immediately lifted them from the cellar, and is showing himself a top player and mentor with the Lions this year.

Riley states at wing in Washington's No. 1 line, otherwise composed of Walter Baby on the other wing and Jimmy Wilson at center. This is the most polished of the Lions' three offensive trios, although the No. 2 gang of Wingers Joe Guman and Jimmy Carr-Harris and Center Ken Partis is giving it a run for its money.

Washington's defensemen average only a shade under 200 pounds. They are Phil Vitale, 220; Guy Roach, 210; Bud Foley and Jim Simms, 185, and Pat Bastien, 185.

League standings:

Team W L T GF GA Pts
New York 8 3 0 37 35 12
Washington 6 3 0 37 35 12
Baltimore 5 4 1 29 29 11
Boston 2 9 0 41 56 4
Oakland Group 1 0 1 25 19 3

Oakland Eleven Quits Coast Pro Grid Loop

OAKLAND, Calif., Nov. 19.—The Oakland Giants withdrew today from the Pacific Coast Professional Football League, cancelling their remaining games, because of lack of a suitable stadium here, Owner Clyde Mowdy announced.

Withdrawal of Oakland, leaves eight teams in the circuit—Tacoma, Salt Lake City, Sacramento, Los Angeles, Hollywood, San Diego, San Francisco and Honolulu. Mowdy said Portland and Denver might be added next year.

Nugent Happy to Land Interstate Loop Job

WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 19.—Gerald P. Nugent, former head of the Philadelphia Phillies, declared today he was "tickled to get the job" of president of the Class B Interstate Baseball League.

Nugent's selection was announced following a meeting of the league in the offices of the Wilmington club yesterday. Nugent succeeds J. Vincent Jamison, who resigned after completing the unexpired term of Arthur H. Ehlers.

Ex-Giants Catcher Bags Bear

WHITE HAVEN, Pa., Nov. 19.—Brad Kocher, former catcher for the New York Giants, shot a 300-pound bear yesterday, the first bruin killed by a White Haven hunter in 20 years.

Today a year ago—Bob Waterfield pitched three touchdown passes and set up two more as Cleveland Rams defeated Chicago Cardinals, 35-21, at Chicago to take over lead in National Football League's Western Division.

Army Reported 'In' For Rose Bowl

ATLANTA, Nov. 19.—The Atlanta Journal, in a story by Sports Editor Ed Danforth, said today that the Army will play as the Eastern team in the Rose Bowl New Year Day.

Danforth's story said "this was a tip from a press source as representatives of the Pacific Coast Conference and the Big Nine went into a day-long session in Berkeley."

U.C.L.A.-U.S.C. Battle Should Be Tossup, Statistics Indicate

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 19.—Statistics are pretty dull things, but on the basis of them it would appear that there isn't much choice between Southern California and U. C. L. A. in their run for the Rose Bowl engagement Saturday.

The comparison, based on each team's luck against five common foes this season, shows that the Uclans scored 142 points to the Trojans' 113, and these same five opponents scored 26 against U. S. C. and 32 against U. C. L. A.

The five common foes were Oregon State, Oregon, Washington, Stanford and California. U. C. L. A. won its five games, the Trojans were defeated by Oregon State, 6-0. U. C. L. A. won from Oregon State, 50-7, in the season's opener.

U. S. C. held Washington, Oregon and California scoreless. The games were played here. U. C. L. A. met the same trio from home, hined only Oregon scoreless (in the mud), yielded a touchdown apiece to Washington and California.

On first downs U. S. C. recorded 81 to opponents' 36. U. C. L. A. 72 to 43. On offense the Bruins gained 1,855 yards, and U. S. C. gained 1,656 yards.

The California game offers interesting comparisons. U. S. C. won over Cal, 14-0, here. U. C. L. A. at Berkeley, won, 13-6. The Bruins made 301 yards on the ground, nothing via the air. Trojans won 201 yards on the ground, 96 through the air, for a 297 total.

U. C. L. A. held California to 36 yards by land, 99 in the air. U. S. C. gave the Bears nothing on the ground and a minus-4 on passes.

Off statistics it would appear that the Uclans have the better offense, U. S. C. the defense.

Bear Shooting Season Claims First Victim

HARRISBURG, Pa., Nov. 19.—Orville Zimmerman, 27, Helfenstein, was listed today as the 1946 Pennsylvania bear-hunting season's first casualty.

He was killed in Clinton County Mountains shortly after the season opened yesterday. A probe is under way to determine the source of the rifle bullet which felled Zimmerman.

Zimmerman's death is the third fatality of the game season which opened November 1. The other two hunters died as a result of hunting accidents during the current same game season, which ends November 30.

Sachon Sparks Shamrocks

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 19.—Pistol Pete Sachon, former Catholic University star, completed 16 of 19 passes, including two for touchdowns, to lead the Norfolk Shamrocks to a 32-7 victory over Richmond here last night.

Rickey-Durocher Rift May Bring New Pilot To Brooklyn Club

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—If Leo Durocher is not ready to renew his managerial contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers by next Monday, Branch Rickey, club president, says he is going to appoint someone else.

Durocher, who told newspapermen at the conclusion of the National League pennant playoff with St. Louis last month that he would "stay in Brooklyn until the day I die," now is on the West Coast. He last saw Rickey October 31, in Columbus, Ohio.

"I want him back here for a talk before I meet with newspapermen next week," Rickey said yesterday. "There's a lot to talk about and a lot of things to be explained. This thing has got to be settled. I don't want to be put in the embarrassing position of answering any questions until it is."

"But I'll say one thing, however," he added. "I'm getting fed up. Somebody's going to be named manager of the Dodgers Monday. It may be Durocher and it might be some one else."

During the speculation over the naming of a manager for the New York Yankees recently, it developed that Durocher had not signed a Dodge contract for 1947. After Bucky Harris was appointed to pilot the Yankees, Durocher revealed that he had been offered the job by Larry MacPhail, Yankee president.

Standard Gridiron Rules Are Urged

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 19.—An adjustment of football rules which would make regulations the same for high school, college and professional games, is urged by Joe Williams, who refereed the Army-Penn football game last Saturday.

Williams, former Bucknell University griddler, told the Maxwell football club yesterday, "High school football rules have their good points, so have colleges and pro rules. I think the time has come to weed out the bad points and incorporate the good points into a standard of rules, so that all football is played under the same code."

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